

Ramsey's levels of engagement exercise

Equipment:

- Post-its
- One envelope per group of four people with a set of levels cut up inside each (so they can be placed across the top of the table)

N.B. Levels are on page two of this document

Facilitator notes:

- Organise participants into groups of four
 - Give each group some post –its
 - Ask them to record all the ways they can think of that school can engage with whanau (one idea per post it)
 - Once there is a reasonable amount of ideas per group handout the envelopes one per group
 - Invite participants to place their post it's under the appropriate level.
 - Discussion will develop from this activity
- * NB. Check the placings of the post it's as participants are sometimes not sure which level they belong to and will pop a level 2 idea into level 5
- *The next step would be for the participants to co-construct a list for each of the levels. (There will be plenty of ideas already tabled for levels one and two but participants will need support to add to levels 3-5

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Level 1 – Being informed

Parents are informed about the school and its programmes and encouraged to give the school information. They are not asked for their views.

Level 2 – Taking part in activities

Parents involved in activities, but in a limited way, that is, they listen to speakers, attend sporting functions, or respond to questionnaires.

Level 3 – Dialogue and exchange of views

Parents invited to examine needs and goals, to discuss these with school staff.

Level 4 – Helping to make decisions

Parents are asked for their views when decisions that affect their children are made. They help to decide on the content and emphasis of programmes.

Level 5 – Having responsibility to act

Parents make decisions in partnership with the school. They are involved in both planning and evaluating school programmes.